



Broadmayne First School Weekly Reminder

Week Beginning: Monday 23rd February



Whole School Reminders:



This week we will be 'flying high' by focusing on the following Learning Attribute:

We are **Kind** when we show **Justice**

We will get stars in our jar by showing in the following ways:

- Treating people fairly
- Making wise decisions
- Seeing the whole picture
- Keeping to Rules

Heart Smart: Don't hold on to what's wrong

British Value: **Democracy** – having a voice that is heard

Whole School Reminders

Year 3 will be running their Fair-trade Café this week, £1 will buy a snack and a drink using Fair-trade products. Please make your £1 donation via SchoolMoney.

Reception

Welcome back! We hope you have had a restful week, we can't wait to begin learning together again!

Phonics: We will continue to learn The Basics 3. This week's sounds are ow, oi and er! Once we have learnt all of the sounds we will revisit them - the digraphs and trigraphs in this set are quite challenging!

Writing: As writers this term we will explore different professions such as vets, firefighters and doctors. We will write labels, lists and captions.

Maths: Numerical Patterns form part of the Maths Early Learning Goal. Specifically, children are expected to verbally count beyond 20. To support your child you could ensure they can confidently count to 10 before introducing teen numbers. We will continue to practice this in school, but we would appreciate your support at home too.

PE: During P.E sessions we will become gymnasts - we will copy simple sequences and practice different types of jumps such as star jumps and bunny hops.

Topic: Our new topic is 'People Who Help Us' - we will be thinking about people in our community to help us stay safe and well.

Things to remember..

Please check the welly rack to ensure your child has a named pair of wellies in the correct size - those little feet grow fast!

Year 1: Our topic this term is How does your garden grow.

Welcome back to Spring Term 2! Hopefully we will be treated to Spring-like weather especially as we are fortunate to spend our Thursday mornings this term, learning in the Forest!! Please can your children come to school in their Forest Schools clothes but have a spare kit in the cloakroom in case we get soaked or very muddy!! Don't forget your waterproofs and wellies too!!

Here is what we will be getting up to next week:

English:

We are immersing ourselves into the text, The Secret Sky Garden. We will start by using our inference detective skills by using clues from illustrations to guess what the book is going to be about. We will enjoy doing this through creative activities which will help us with our sentence writing towards the end of the week.

We are learning to spell: where, there, girl, fly

Handwriting:

We continue with our formation of our capital letters.

Phonics:

are, kn, wr, ph

Maths:

We begin our Place Value within 50 unit.

We will be counting forwards and backwards within 50 before moving onto counting in multiples of 10. We will be learning how to count large numbers of objects more efficiently by grouping them into multiples of 10.

Science:

We will be understanding how seeds grow into plants and learning how to plant seeds. We will be planting broad beans in different ways. One way will use a transparent container so we will be able to observe what happens in the soil. We will then sow broad beans normally in soil for the children to observe over time. Finally, we will put plants in different places such as a dark cupboard, our classroom and a fridge to see what the effects of these environments are. We will also sow flowers and observe them growing over time.

Geography:

We will be ordering the months of the year, naming the seasons and then ordering the months within seasons.

Art:

We will start our unit on the artist Henri Matisse. We are being introduced to collage and mimicking Matisse's style of cutting shapes to create a picture.

PE:

Indoor: Dance

Outdoor: Hockey

Things to remember

- Thursdays are our Forest Schools day! Please dress warmly in old clothes, waterproofs and wellies! Please bring a spare set of clothes in case we get totally soaked or muddy!!
- Please keep reading daily.

Year 2

Welcome back year 2 families! We hope you all had a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Maths:

In maths, we will be consolidating last half terms multiplication and division work before extending our knowledge of the 5 and 10 times tables and tackling 2 step calculations and problem solving questions.

English:

Year 2 will be identifying features of a recount by exploring the book 'A diary of a killer cat'. Throughout the week, we will be writing in the past tense, including time openers and looking at different types of sentences: statements, commands, questions and exclamatory.

Guided reading:

This week, the children will be reading all about Charles the second and his influential reign during the Stuart period.

History:

In our first history lesson, the children will begin learning about the Great Fire of London and when it happened in the past. We will explore where the fire started and locate London on a map, building on the geography knowledge the children already have. To help the children understand how long ago the event happened, we will look at a timeline stretching from the present day back to a very long time ago. The children will discuss familiar events such as when they were born, when their parents and grandparents were born, and important national events. They will then place the Great Fire on the timeline to see where it fits in England's history. We will also introduce new vocabulary, including learning about King Charles II, who was the monarch at the time of the fire.

Spelling:

Spelling rule - Add /ed/ to words ending with a single consonant after a single vowel.

"If the vowel sound is short, double the consonant and add ed!"

Year 2 spelling words - steak, break

RE: Christianity: How important is it to Christians that Jesus came back to life after his crucifixion?

Reminders:

Please read daily with your child where possible, it is so important that their stamina for reading is increasing throughout the year.

Homework - All children will be coming home with spelling and maths homework, this reflects the work that we are doing this week.

Year 3

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful week.

Weekly news: This week we are starting 'Little Seedlings' on Tuesday afternoon - groups of children will take it in turns in alternating weeks to work in the garden. Please can all children bring in wellies and a waterproof coat on Tuesdays for this half term. Year 3 will also be running our Fairtrade Cafe this week!

Our learning this week -

Maths: This week we are starting to learn about fractions. This will start with understanding the numerator and the denominator before comparing and ordering unit fractions.

English: We will be starting a new book this week called The Tin Forest. Our learning will focus on pronouns, understanding character and writing in the first person.

We are learning to spell: This week we will be focusing on words which have an 'ey' spelling for the /ai/ sound. These words will include convey^{er}, disobey^{er}, grey^{er}, hey^{er}, obey^{er}, prey^{er}, survey^{er}, surveyor^{er}, they^{er} and why^{er}. We will be focussing on the definition of these words and what looks right this week.

Science: We are starting our new topic this week - Animals including humans. Our first lesson will be about the 5 food groups and their value for our bodies.

Heartsmart: Our topic for this half term is Don't Hold on to What's Wrong! Our first week will focus on the importance of 'forgiveness'.

History: We will be learning about Iron Age people this week - this will include their homes and their way of life.

PE: PE will be on a Monday and a Friday as before. PE on Monday will be a Roman themed dance in the hall and Friday will be hockey with Trevor. Please ensure that the children have warm clothing and an additional pair of trainers/plimsolls for PE outside. (This is so that they do not spoil their school shoes or bring mud back into the building after PE - many thanks).

Reminders: Please remember a donation for the Fairtrade Cafe.
On Tuesdays the children will need coats and wellies for Little Seedlings.

Year 4

Welcome back Year 4 families! We hope you have had a lovely, restful half term break. We are looking forward to a new half term jam packed with lots of lovely learning, our concert and THS and the much anticipated Hooke Court Residential.

English:

In English we will be starting a new writing unit. Our writing topic this half term will be 'explanation writing' and the children will be helping Wallace and Gromit design a brand new invention! This week the children will learn about the features of an explanation text and begin to understand the purpose of an explanation. *In English, we will begin to award pen licences over the next term and a half to children as and when we feel they are ready. We have spoken to the children about this at length and have explained that everyone will get their pen licence at the right time for them. We will be looking for the children to consistently show correct letter formation and excellent presentation within all writing tasks before awarding these. We know that this can cause excitement and a sense of eagerness amongst the children, but we'd be very grateful if you could reinforce to your child at home that we are keeping a close eye on everyone's letter formation and presentation and will only award them to children when we feel they are really ready. Thank you for your support with this.*

We are learning to spell: answer, build, early, earth, February, fruit, guard, guide, heard, learn

Maths: In maths we are beginning our new unit on 'Fractions'. The children will re-cap their learning and knowledge from year 3 and build upon their understanding of 'wholes' and use number lines to help them count up in fractions.

Geography: In Geography this half term we are going to be focusing on our topic 'Amazing America'. This first week we will locate North America on a world map and explore the landscape. The children will be able to identify the position and significance of lines of latitude, including the Equator and the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.

Art/DT: We have lots of exciting subjects to fit into this short half term to tie in with our topic on America. Firstly in Art we are going to be looking at Totem poles and the works of Ellen Neel, one of the first Northwest Coast artists. Later in the term for DT, as part of our food and nutrition unit, the children are going to be looking at different American foods, experimenting with different flavours for popcorn and designing their own popcorn boxes.

PE: Our learning in P.E for this half term will be Hockey and Dance. The children are welcome to come into school wearing their P.E kits on Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct P.E kit on these days. Navy or black joggers / shorts, a plain white t-shirt or polo shirt and a navy or black jumper or hoody.

Music: In Music we will be beginning to fine tune our songs for our upcoming concert at THS.

Reminders:

An email has been sent regarding parent consultation bookings for this half term. Don't forget to book your slot if you'd like to discuss your child's progress.